

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	36

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Rehoboth  
Address 82 Water Street  
Historic Name Seth Knapp, Jr. House

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present residence  
Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1735  
architectural detail, archaeo-  
Source logical testing, and Bristol Co.  
Deeds 43/93 1758

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

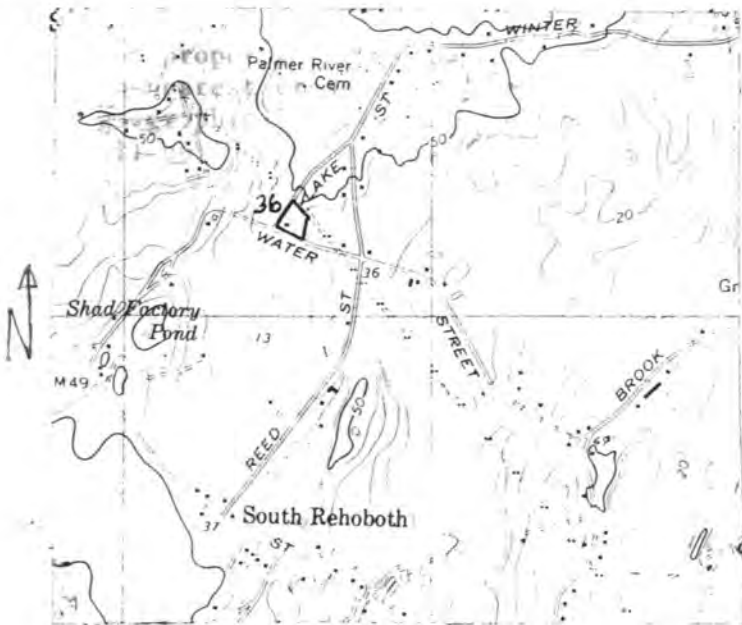
Outbuildings none remaining

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
see text

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 5

Setting 100 feet from road, surrounded  
by open fields; rural context



UTM: 19/310530/4631290

Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy, III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Seth Knapp, Jr. House, a gambrel roof cottage, is particularly important architecturally as the sole surviving brick house built before 1850 in Rehoboth and for its rare canted end chimney design (see also Form #82). It displays a four-bay main facade with entrance offset to the left and narrow windows typical of period construction. Bricks are 8-9"x2½-3"x3½-4" and laid in garden wall bond, except for the east end wall which was rebuilt in the mid 19th century using larger bricks laid in common bond. Contemporary brickworks operating nearby on the Palmer

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Seth Knapp, Jr. House stands as one of the earliest extant houses built in the area of Rehoboth's first settlement in the early 18th century. Its close association with the town's initial development is revealed by its location: ¼ mile east of a prime industrial site on the Palmer River and ¼ mile southwest of the first Meetinghouse at Palmer River (1720). Built for Ichabod Wood, the house was owned from 1758-1813 by Seth Knapp, Jr., who operated a shoemaker's shop on the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Snape, Sue Ellen. Mighty Liberty Men, Rehoboth, 1976, pp.156-157

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:  Rehoboth	Form No:  36
Property Name: Seth Knapp, Jr. House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

River probably produced the original and possibly subsequent bricks. On the interior, floor plan and details remain intact on the first floor; the second floor was modernized, the upper portion of the west chimney removed, and dormers installed ca. 1955. A 1-story ell attached to the northwest rear corner of the structure dates from ca. 1850. Limited archaeological testing in the vicinity of the house (1975) produced artifacts dating before ca. 1730, although no features were identified. The Seth Knapp, Jr. House clearly meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually; additional archaeological research may show it to meet criterion D.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area  
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |   |                                  |            |                              |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 21. Goff Farm                             | Substantive Review               | Keeper     | <u>Thomas L. Boyd 6/6/83</u> |
|   | Entered in the National Register | Attest     | _____                        |
| 22. Goff Homestead                        |                                  | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 23. Hornbine Baptist Church               | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 24. Hornbine School                       | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 25. Horton, Welcome, Farm                 | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 26. House at 197 Hornbine Road            | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 27. House at 30 Kelton Street             | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 28. Ingalls-Wheeler-Horton Homestead Site | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 29. Kingsley House                        | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |
| 30. <u>Knapp, Seth, Jr., House</u>        | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u>  |
|   |                                  | Attest     | _____                        |

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Horton, Welcome, Farm (Rehoboth MRA)  
Bristol County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 6/6/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Entered in the National Register  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category      Ownership      Status      Present Use  
                    Public Acquisition      Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition      Check one      Check one  
 excellent       deteriorated       unaltered       original site  
 good       ruins       altered       moved      date \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair       unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Krupp, Seth, Jr., Heuse

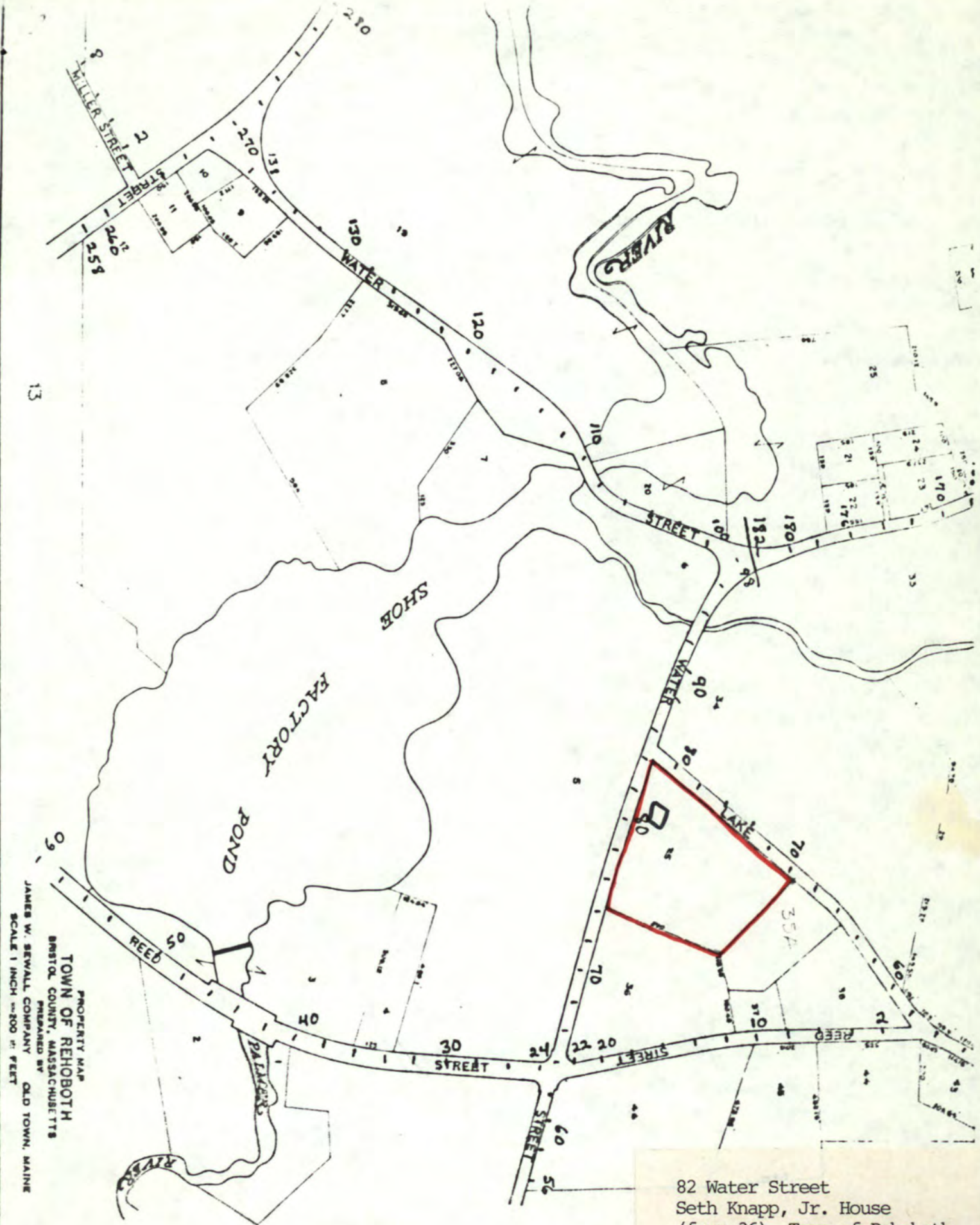
Rehoboth MRA, Ma

Rehoboth, MNE 2

Water & Lake-

17A-

69.1795



82 Water Street  
 Seth Knapp, Jr. House  
 (form 36) Town of Rehoboth  
 Property Map 1978  
 scale 1"=200'

PROPERTY MAP  
 TOWN OF REHOBOTH  
 BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS  
 PREPARED BY  
 JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY  
 OLD TOWN, MAINE  
 SCALE 1 INCH = 200 FEET

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292